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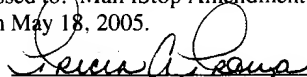
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(Attorney Docket No.: 36119-156US3)

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Applicant: Douglas C. Harnish, *et al.* Examiner: Misook Yu, Ph.D.
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Title: **Assay to Identify Estrogen Receptor Dependent Ligands That Regulate the Hepatic Lipase Promoter**

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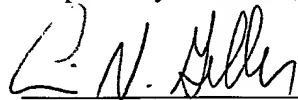
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1. Amendment and Response to Office Action Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.11; and
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of *February 18, 2005*, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on *page 2* of this paper.

Remarks begin on *page 7* of this paper.

Reconsideration of the instant application in light of the above is respectfully requested.